

1812 West Muhammad Ali Boulevard (House)
Russell Neighborhood - Jay's Cafeteria Project
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Location: 1812 West Muhammad Ali Boulevard
Russell National Register District
Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky

Significance: 1812 West Muhammad Ali Boulevard is significant within the context of the Russell National District which was listed in 1980. This structure is typical of shotgun houses that were built throughout this particular neighborhood (as well as throughout Louisville) during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Houses with this floor plan were routinely built for the common man as worker housing. A variety of architectural ornamentation reflecting popular Victorian era styles were often applied to shotgun houses. The Italianate was among the styles most commonly used in the Russell District.

Description: 1812 West Muhammad Ali Boulevard is a single-story Italianate style house built with a shotgun floor plan (see attached Sanborn Insurance Map). It is constructed of brick but form stone has been applied to the primary facade. It has a two bay facade arrangement with the door to the west balanced by a window to the east. Both have prominent segmentally arched hoods. The building's cornice is elaborately detailed with sawn wood Gothic bargeboard pendles. A front facing gabled roof covered with asphalt shingles tops the building. Alterations to the building after its initial construction include the application of form stone to the primary facade and the replacement of both the front window and the front door.

History: Although the exact date of construction for this building is unknown because building construction records are not extant, it probably dates from circa 1869. Based on information gathered from City Directories this structure was first occupied in 1870 by Samuel Defler, a laborer. In later years it was occupied by a series of laborers and tradesmen and their families.

Source: Caron's Directory of the City of Louisville. Louisville: Caron Directory Company, 1832-1993.

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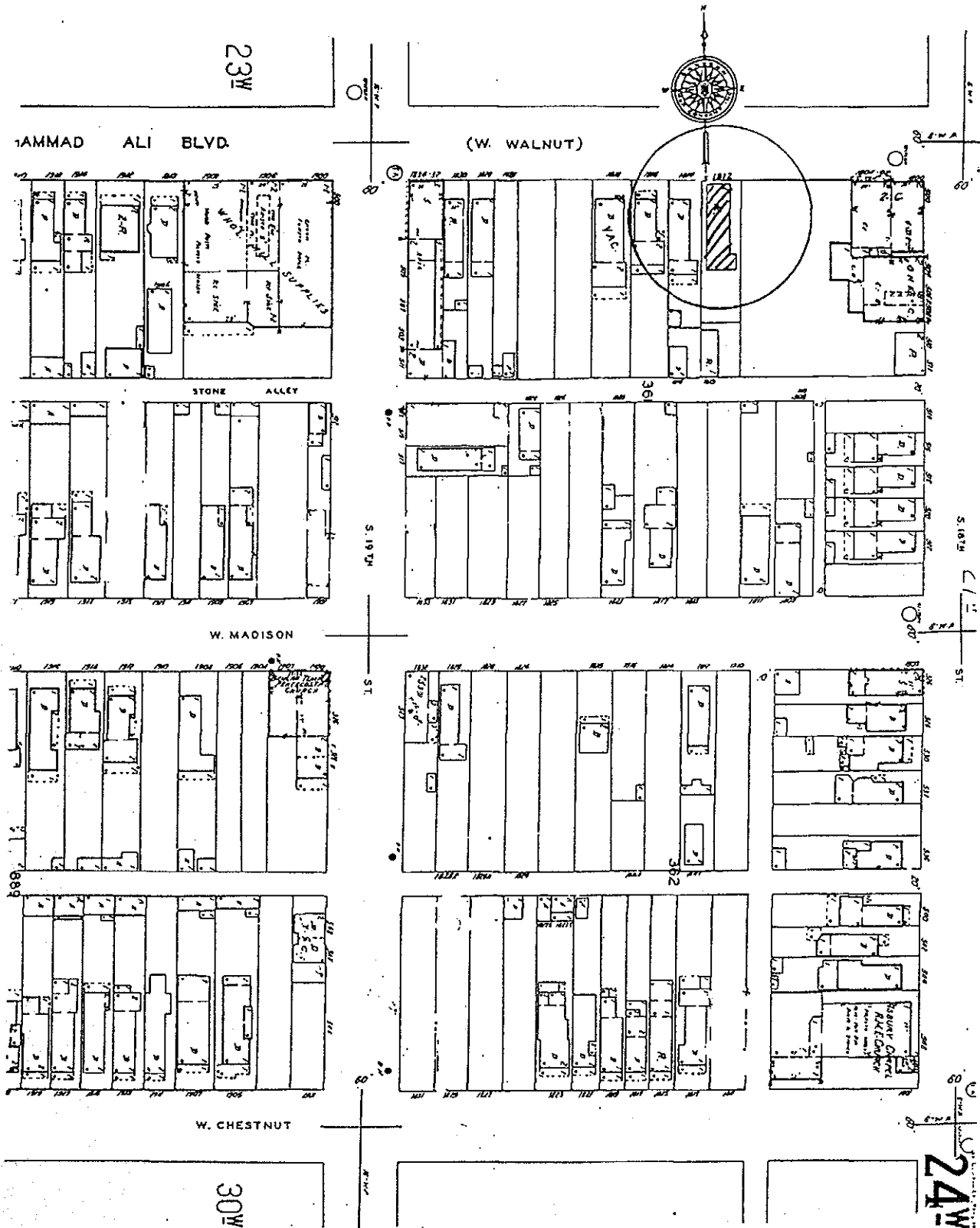
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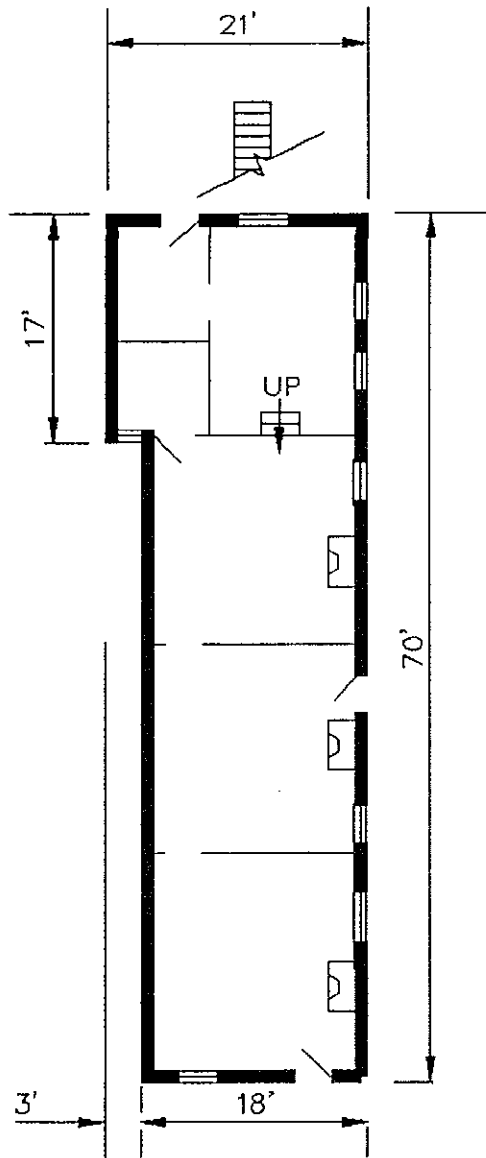
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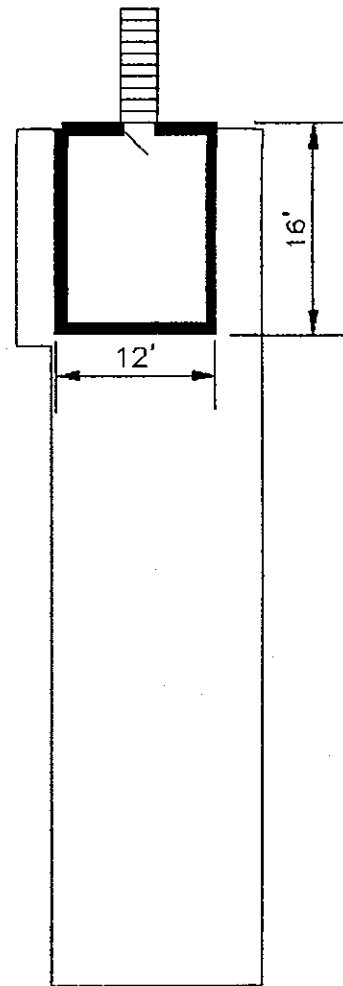
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